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(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Albio Sires released the following statement as the Iraq War enters its fifth year:

"This week, Congress will have the opportunity to make good on the promise we made last year: a new direction on Iraq. The Iraq Supplemental Spending bill will allow us to attempt to turn around the failed strategy in Iraq. Our plan will require accountability from the Bush Administration and the Iraqi government while setting a timeline for a phased redeployment of American combat troops.

"Americans have demanded change in Iraq and the passage of the Iraq Supplemental Spending bill will help bring about that change by putting an end to President Bush's open-ended commitment to this Iraqi civil war, while requiring the Iraqis to play a more prominent role in their own future.

"As the Iraq war enters its fifth year, we will keep supporting our troops that are coming home and making sure that the troops who are still on the ground in Iraq have the equipment they need to keep themselves safe."